

MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

MEETING: Winter Park Town Council

PLACE: Town Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Jimmy Lahrman, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Atwater, Councilors Chuck Banks, Nick Kutrumbos, Chris Seemann and Mike Periolat, Town Manager Drew Nelson and Town Clerk Taryn Martin

OTHERS

PRESENT: Finance Director Bill Wengert, Town Planner James Shockey

Mayor Jimmy Lahrman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Lahrman led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Town Hall Meeting

Winter Park Resident Mike Johnson stated that he believed the traffic signals Fraser plans to put in will cause traffic problems. Manager Drew Nelson stated that the signals would be timed with the Kings Crossing and McDonald's signals which should alleviate that.

3. Consent Agenda

3.a. Approval of October 7, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilor Chris Seemann moved and Councilor Mike Periolat seconded the motion approving the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried: 6-0

4. Action Items

None to Present.

5. Progress Reports

5.a. Fraser Valley Recreation – Tim Stabbe

Tim Stabbe stated that the golf course was set to close the following weekend. Mr. Stabbe stated that the Rec Center is doing well with high enrollment in ski conditioning classes and an upcoming swim meet with Silverthorne. Mr. Stabbe stated that they would hold their first budget hearing this month at their board meeting.

5.b. Grand County Water & Sanitation District #1 – Bruce Hutchins

Not Present.

5.c. Winter Park Water & Sanitation District – Mike Wageck

Mike Wageck stated that everything is going well and it is a low-demand time of year until snowmaking starts.

5.d. Winter Park Resort – Doug Laraby

Not Present.

5.e. Hideaway Junction – Mike Periolat

Nothing to Report.

5.f. Chamber of Commerce – Catherine Ross

Chamber Director Catherine Ross was not present but Manager Nelson stated that Council had been sent an October project update.

6. Town Manager's Report

Manager Nelson stated that the Town is closing out projects in preparation for the winter season.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lahrman stated that he would like to set a date for a Fall Retreat.

8. Town Council Items for Discussion

8.a. Winter Park Railroad Crossings – Discussion and Open Forum

Manager Nelson gave a brief history of the Town's involvement in the Underpass project beginning with the original agreement in 2004 to present. Mayor Lahrman opened the topic for public comment.

Winter Park Resident Mike Johnson stated that he did not believe the Town should spend any money having to do with the underpass. Mr. Johnson stated that he believed utilizing the existing underpass should be considered.

Winter Park Resident Marsha Beake stated that she was not in support of closing Kings Crossing Road, or of supporting the developer of the underpass. She stated that she was in full support of Council and Manager Nelson in that the project should not be at all funded by the Town. Mrs. Beake stated that she believed the project would damage businesses and residents in Winter Park.

Winter Park Resident Dick Oberle asked Council why the cement work on Kings Crossing Road was done in the past, removed, and then redone. Mayor Lahrman reviewed the history of the project, citing the initial application for Quiet Zones at both Vasquez Road and Kings Crossing Road and that civil work had been started at both. Mayor Lahrman stated that because of intervention by Cornerstone, the Kings Crossing portion of the project was delayed considerably and the medians were removed until the project was approved this year. Mr. Oberle asked if the Council had a timeline for the completion of the project. Mayor Lahrman stated that the Town has completed all work required and submitted all funds required, and Union Pacific Railroad is estimating to complete the final installation around the first of the year.

Winter Park Resident John Beake stated that he and residents of the Alpine Timbers neighborhood that he had spoken to are not in favor of spending any funds to enhance Cornerstone's private development. Mr. Beake stated that he is not against the underpass itself, just strongly against the Town putting any of our taxpayer's money toward private development.

Winter Park Resident Dennis Saffel asked the Council how much the project would cost. Manager Nelson stated that the financial request given to the Town was in the amount of 2.7 million dollars. Mr. Saffel stated that there was not a need for the underpass. Mr. Saffel stated

that he did not believe the underpass was about safety, but rather to move the center of the valley to the Grand Park area.

Councilor Mike Periolat stated that the Council needs the input of the residents and thanked everyone for being present.

Councilor Chris Seemann asked that the original agreement and related documents be posted to the Town's website.

Councilor Nick Kutumbos stated that the issue has overwhelmed the Council for quite some time, and that he is highly motivated to move past it and work on other projects.

Mayor Lahrman stated that the Council has been successful in achieving goals that the community has asked of them through residents' support and interaction. Mayor Lahrman stated that the Council never said they were against the underpass, only against the closure of the existing at-grade crossing. Mayor Lahrman stated that he is very disappointed as a Mayor to have spent so much time on this issue that is being driven by a private developer in an adjoining community, and that it has taken away from opportunities to focus on more important things.

Councilor Chris Seemann moved and Councilor Mike Periolat seconded the motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. Title 24, Section 6, Subsection 402-4(e).

8. Executive Session

8.a. Negotiations per C.R.S. Title 24, Section 6, Subsection 402-4(e) for the Purpose of Instructing Negotiators on a Master Development Agreement

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the motion was made by Councilor Chris Seemann and seconded by Councilor Mike Periolat and unanimously carried to return to Regular Session. Those in attendance at that time were: Mayor Jimmy Lahrman, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Atwater, Councilors Nick Kutumbos, Chuck Banks, Chris Seemann and Mike Periolat, Town Manager Drew Nelson, Finance Director Bill Wengert, Town Planner James Shockey, and Town Clerk Taryn Martin.

After the conclusion of Executive Session, the Council compiled a list of items they wished to cover at the upcoming retreat. The Council decided on Wednesday, October 29th as the date for the Fall Retreat.

Manager Nelson stated that the Town was in receipt of an email from John Vito asking that his affordable housing fees be waived. Council discussed the situation and concluded that his request should be denied.

Councilor Mike Periolat moved and Councilor Chris Seemann seconded the motion to deny John Vito's request that his affordable housing fees be waived. Motion Carried: 6-0

There being no further business to discuss, upon a motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Town Council will be Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Taryn M. Martin, Town Clerk